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CHEER
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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!
THE CROWD HAS GATHERED TODAY TO SEE
THEIR KING AND HIS BEAUTFUL QUEEN!
THUNK!

QUEEN JANE, KNOWN AS A MODERN CINDERELLA, IS ONLY 16 YEARS OLD!
ALTHOUGH THE QUEEN IS NOT OF NOBLE BLOOD, SHE IS VERY BRIGHT AND A GOOD PERSON!
JA...
JANE?!
REPORTING LIVE FROM ABROAD,
THE MARRIAGE OF HIS MAJESTY,
THE KING FROM THE IMPERIAL KINGDOM
MOM! LOOK!!
THAT'S JANE! OUR OLD NEIGHBOUR!
NO WAY...!
JANE
IS NOW QUEEN OF THE IMPERIAL KINGDOM?

YAWN
.....
JUST BECAUSE IT'S SUMMER VACATION, YOU'RE DOING NOTHING...
YOU'RE ALREADY 15 YEARS OLD, BUT YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A BOYFRIEND!
Ack
YOU'RE ONLY ONE YEAR YOUNGER THAN JANE,
BUT SHE'S LOVED BY A KING...
YOU'RE NOTHING COMPARED TO HER...
Ack Ack Ack
THAT'S RIGHT, MOM...
I'LL BET IT'S GENETIC!
TWINKLE
HUH?
A LETTER!
IT'S FROM JANE!
DEAR MARI,
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN SURPRISED TO HEAR ABOUT MY MARRIAGE. FORGIVE ME, IT WAS ALL SO SUDDEN THAT I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO LET YOU KNOW THAT'S WHY RIGHT NOW I'M HOPING THAT YOU CAN COME HERE...

YAY! MOM! MOM!!
JANE ASKED ME TO COME AND VISIT HER!
BUT...
WITH OUR SITUATION RIGHT NOW...
SHE SAID SHE WOULD PAY FOR ALL THE EXPENSES!
OH! IT'S NO PROBLEM THEN!
YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE SUCH A WONDERFUL SUMMER!
FWOOO!
THE IMPERIAL KINGDOM IS A DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY
TRAVEL GUIDE
LOCATED BY THE MEDITERRANIAN SEA, THIS COUNTRY THAT EXPORTS FRUITS IS A HEAVEN ON EARTH!

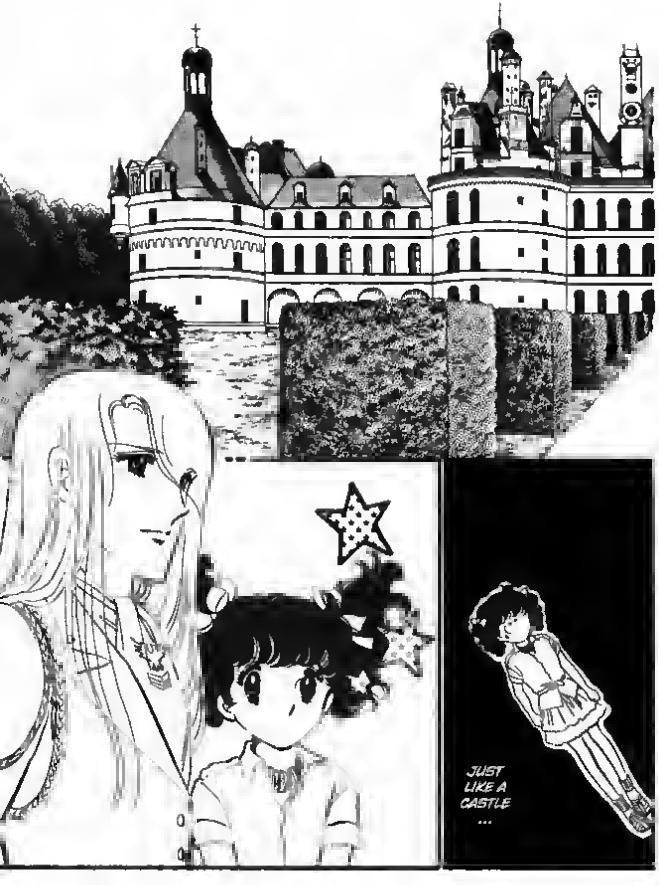
THE SPARKLING MEDITERRANIAN SEA...
A COUNTRY THAT'S BLESSED BY THE ORANGE SUNSHINE AND GREEN OLIVES
I MUST MUST THANK JANE
FOR INVITING ME AS THE QUEEN'S FORMAL GUEST!
I'M GLAD THAT MY PARENTS ENROLLED ME IN AN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, SO THAT I AM ABLE TO SPEAK ENGLISH!
SO THAT YOU THINK INTERNATIONALLY!
WHY. ?
YO!
C
B
A
BOINK!
AND IN ONE SUMMER, I MET JANE, AND WE WERE ALWAYS TOGETHER EVER SINCE
WE JUST MOVED IN NEXT DOOR!
I'M JANE
YAY! WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS AGAIN!
MARI, I MUST RETURN TO MY COUNTRY—
I'M GOING TO SAVE UP MONEY SO THAT WE CAN SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN!
YES MARI, ME TOO!

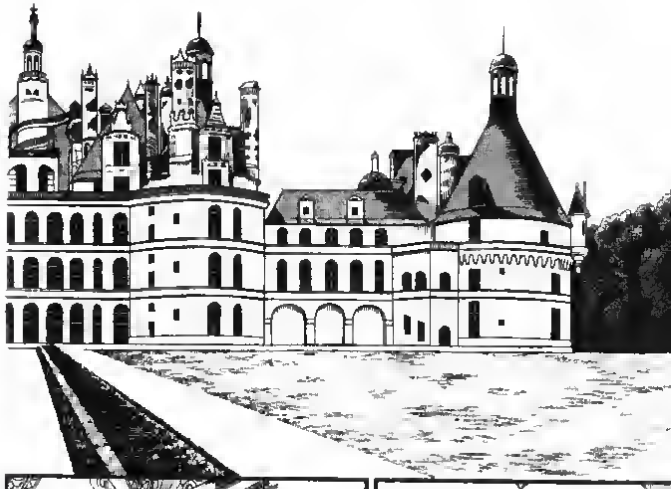
I'M COMING JANE
BLAH
BLAH
BLAH
BLAH
Satellites
NOW THE DREAM HAS COME TRUE!
I WISH JANE HAD SENT SOMEONE TO PICK ME UP...
SWISH!
SWOOSH!
OH WELL, THE PALACE IS PRETTY CLOSE... I MIGHT AS WELL DO SOME SIGHT SEEING WHILE I WALK.
SWISH!
AND?
I CAN'T FIND HER
STRANGE, I EVEN ASKED THE FRONT DESK, BUT...

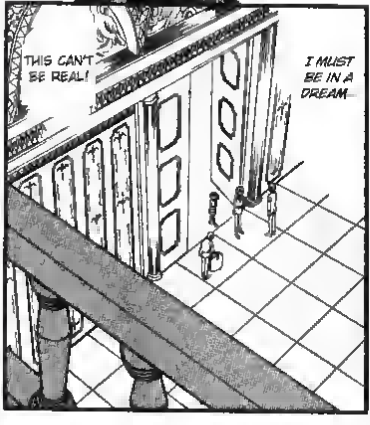
SHE'S QUEEN JANE'S OLD CLASS MATE
SHE MUST BE BEAUTIFUL!
WE HAD BETTER FIND HER QUICKLY!
THE BLUE SKY THE GREEN MEDI-TERRANEAN SEA.
FLOWERS BLOOMING ON THE OLD BUILDING WINDOWS IT'S AS THOUGH I'D JUST FLEW INTO A FAIRYTALE!
HEY, IS IT THAT GIRL?
YEAH, THAT MUST BE HER! LUCKY I STOLE HER PICTURE FROM THE QUEEN'S ROOM
HELLO MISS, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
COME ON, WE'LL TAKE YOU WHERE EVER YOU WANT TO GO!
A. AH NO THANKS!
NOT SO FAST!

AAHHH!! KIDNAPPERS!!
OW! YOU LITTLE BITCH!
AKK!
HEY!!
DAMN!
SOME-ONE'S COMING
BRUUUMM
ARRGH!
ARE YOU HURT?
NO THANKYOU
YOU -

LATELY THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW BAD PEOPLE TARGETTING TOURISTS
ALLOW ME TO ESCORT YOU TO YOUR DESTINATION, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
ERR... UHM, THAT'S..
WOAH!
HE IS SO GOOD LOOKING!
AHHH!
FORGIVE ME! I AM ARTHUR THE PALACE GUARD
WAIT, YOU'RE THE QUEEN'S FRIEND THAT CAME FROM JAPAN!
HM?
SO YOU DIDN'T MEET THE PEOPLE THAT WERE SUPPOSED TO PICK YOU UP...
THEN I SHALL TAKE YOU TO THE PALACE MYSELF!
HURRAY!


JUST LIKE A CASTLE ...




THIS CAN'T BE REAL!
I MUST BE IN A DREAM

REMEMBER! NO MATTER HOW CLOSE YOU AND JANE ONCE WERE SHE IS NOW A QUEEN!
DON'T DO ANYTHING THAT WILL BRING DOWN THE FAMILY NAME!
Responsibility
HEA -VY!

FROM HERE, THE ADJUTANT WILL TAKE YOU
WELCOME...
THE QUEEN HAS BEEN WAITING..
THIS WAY PLEASE
SO..... FAR...!
HUFF!
HUFF!
CORRIDOR... STAIRS.... ANOTHER CORRIDOR..!
UGH! I'VE GOT TO REMEMBER THE WAY!
I AM NEVER GOING TO OWN A BIG HOUSE!
H....HUH?

OH NO! I'M LOST!
I THINK I HEAR SOMEONE!
I'M SAVED!
UM...
SO WHEN DO WE START?
ACK! I'M IN TROUBLE!
WE'VE COLLECTED ALL THE WEAPONS
THE SOONER WE DO THIS THE BETTER
I UNDER -STAND
NOW WE JUST WAIT FOR A GOOD CHANCE
GOOD, THEN I WILL
THUD!
OOF!
WHO'S

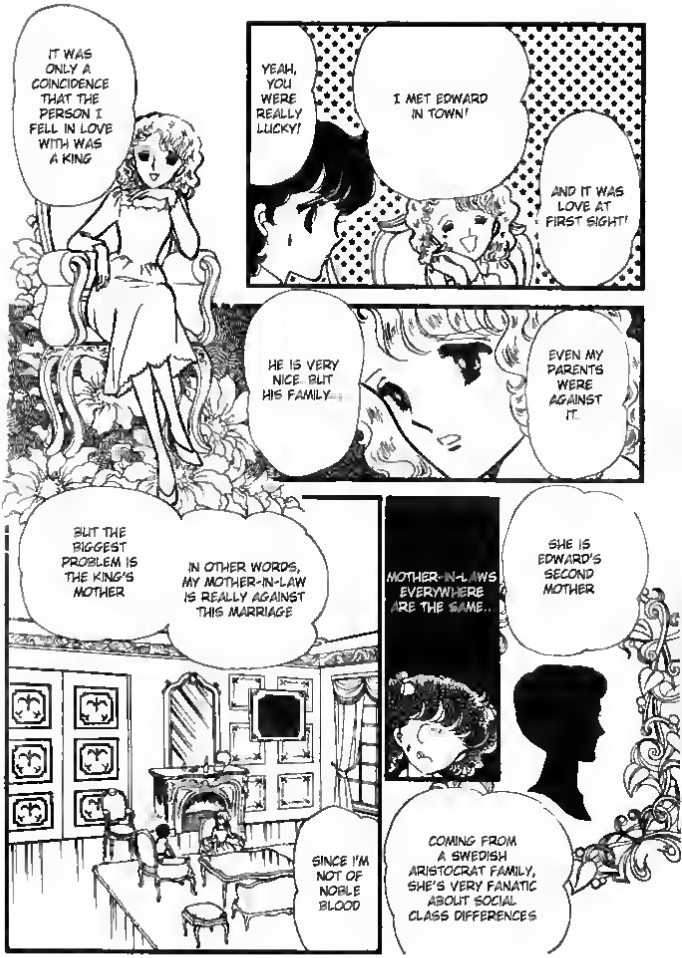
THERE?
!
A GUARD'S UNIFORM!
UMM..
OOPS
MISS MARI SAEGUSA?
I LOST THE ADJUTANT ...
Y.. YES
WHERE'S THE QUEEN'S ROOM?
TURN LEFT, TAKE THE STAIRS, AND HER ROOM IS AROUND THE CORNER
AH!
THANK YOU!
NO PROBLEM! TAKE CARE!
I DON'T KNOW, BUT THAT LONG HAIRED GUY IS PRETTY HANDSOME!
TEEHEE!

HUH?
HOW DID HE KNOW MY NAME?
GREY, DO YOU THINK SHE OVERHEARD US?
NOT LIKELY!
SHE LOOKS LIKE AN ELEMENTARY STUDENT
EVEN IF SHE DID, SHE WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND
BUT SHE GOT TO THE PALACE SAFELY, WHICH MEANS...
THEY FAILED
WHERE WERE YOU?
I WAS LOOKING FOR YOU!
I'M SORRY!!
COUGH
MY QUEEN, THE GUEST FROM JAPAN IS HERE!
Knock Knock
CREAK
JANE IS BEHIND THIS DOOR!
JA...

EEK!
WOOF!
STOP IT, ROGREEN!
THUMP!
WHAT'S THIS?!
LET HER GO! NOW!
SORRY! HE'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS WHEN HE MEETS SOMEONE NEW!
GRRR

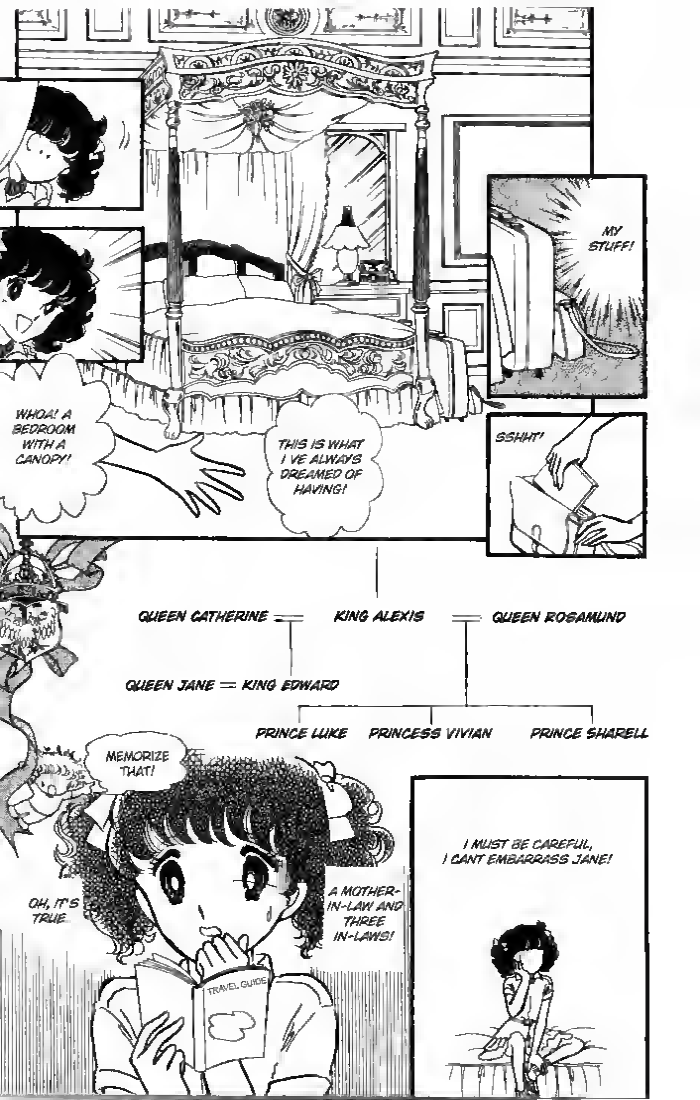
JANE.
AHHH!
MARI!
I MISSED YOU SO MUCH!
LET ME SEE YOUR FACE

AH! YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED! YOU'RE STILL THE SAME JANE...
...EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE QUEEN NOW
IS YOUR MOM WELL?
YOU'RE A QUEEN NOW!!
IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL HERE! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
YES, SHE SENDS HER GREETINGS TO YOU!


IT WAS ONLY A COINCIDENCE THAT THE PERSON I FELL IN LOVE WITH WAS A KING
YEAH, YOU WERE REALLY LUCKY!
I MET EDWARD IN TOWN!
AND IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT!
HE IS VERY NICE. BUT HIS FAMILY...
EVEN MY PARENTS WERE AGAINST IT.
BUT THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IS THE KING'S MOTHER
IN OTHER WORDS, MY MOTHER-IN-LAW IS REALLY AGAINST THIS MARRIAGE
MOTHER-IN-LAWS EVERYWHERE ARE THE SAME..
SHE IS EDWARD'S SECOND MOTHER
SINCE I'M NOT OF NOBLE BLOOD
COMING FROM A SWEDISH ARISTOCRAT FAMILY, SHE'S VERY FANATIC ABOUT SOCIAL CLASS DIFFERENCES

NOT TO MENTION HER DAUGHTER
WHO IS ALSO MY RESPONSIBILITY NOW
SHE'S JUST LIKE HER MOTHER
OH, SO THERE'S A DAUGHTER
ONE DAUGHTER AND TWO SONS
THUMP!
WHOA... THREE IN-LAWS!
IT'S NOT EASY TO BE CINDERELLA!
FWD
BUT...
SOMETIMES, SCARY THINGS ARE...
HAPPENING AROUND HERE.
MAYBE IT'S A MISTAKE I BECAME QUEEN
JANE..?

KNOCK
KNOCK
LISTEN, MARI !
EXCUSE ME, YOUR MAJESTY
YOU MUST GET READY FOR DINNER RECEPTION.
IS IT TIME ALREADY?
MARI, YOU'LL COME OK?
I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO MY NEW FAMILY
WHAT WAS JANE ABOUT TO SAY?
THIS WAY
I'LL SHOW YOU TO YOUR ROOM
THIS IS YOUR ROOM. THE BED IS FURTHER ON IN, PAST THE CURTAINS


WHOA! A BEDROOM WITH A CANOPY!
THIS IS WHAT I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF HAVING!
MY STUFF!
SSHHH!
QUEEN CATHERINE
KING ALEXIS
QUEEN ROSAMUND
QUEEN JANE
KING EDWARD
PRINCE LUKE
PRINCESS VIVIAN
PRINCE SHARELL
MEMORIZE THAT!
OH, IT'S TRUE
A MOTHER-IN-LAW AND THREE IN-LAWS!
TRAVEL GUIDE
I MUST BE CAREFUL, I CAN'T EMBARRASS JANE!

SSSHHH...
?
WHO IS SHE?
LOOKS LIKE TRADITIONAL JAPANESE CLOTHING
UGH! MY FEET ARE TREMBLING!

WELCOME TO OUR GUEST FROM JAPAN!
IF YOU'RE JANE'S FRIEND,
THEN YOU'RE ALSO MY FRIEND
THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVITATION
I'M MARI SAEGUSA
THANK GOODNESS, HE SEEMS LIKE A NICE MAN
THE KING'S MOTHER, QUEEN ROSAMUND
AAH! THE MOTHER-IN-LAW!
ENJOY YOUR STAY
STRANGE THAT SOUNDED MORE LIKE "DON'T STAY TOO LONG"
HAHA

WHERE'S LUIKE?
YOU KNOW THAT
HE DOESN'T REALLY LIKE DINNER RECEPTIONS
BESIDES, LATELY THERE HAVE BEEN TOO MANY STRANGERS COMING IN AND OUT THIS PALACE.
MOTHER!
HE SAID HE'LL BE LATE
VIVIAN!
FWAP
I UNDERSTAND DONT WORRY
SORRY HAVE PATIENCE, MARI
SIGH!

MUSIC!
WHO WANTS TO DANCE WITH ME FIRST?
NO ONE WANTS TO SPEAK WITH A COMMONER LIKE ME!
IS THIS HOW THE ARISTOCRATS ARE?
TAP
TAP
SHARELL! WHAT ARE YOU DOING! COME HERE!
WHY ARE YOUR CLOTHES DIF-FERENT?
WHERE ARE THEY FROM?
GULP
OOH, THIS IS PRINCE SHARELL.

GOOD EVENING MISS MARI
COME AND DANCE WITH ME
SWARELL!
HA HA HOW CUTE!
...BUT
I FEEL LIKE...
A WALL DECORATION.
AH...

ARTHUR!
EH HEH
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE LOOKING, ARTHUR!
HM... I MIGHT AS WELL EAT THE FOOD LOOKS DELICIOUS
WHY AREN'T YOU DANCING?
BECAUSE NO ONE ASKED ME
THEN DANCE WITH ME!
GRAB!
EEEK!
WAIT A MINUTE!
WOOSH!

W...WHO IS HE?

ALTHOUGH THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE MET, I ALREADY KNOW YOU, MARI
HUH?
I HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU FROM JANE
ABOUT HER CLOSEST FRIEND
WHO IS HE?
PRINCE LUKE..
WHAT IS IT? YOU'RE BEING RUDE, GENERAL DUBELL
PRINCE LUKE?
BUT THE QUEEN WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO YOU
THE KING'S BROTHER?!

FORGIVE ME FOR THE INTRUSION... MY MOTHER WANTS ME...
I'LL TAKE YOU BACK TO YOUR ROOM
PRINCE!
LET HIM BE
WHAT AROUT HIM?
OOOOH!
WHAT'S WRONG?
OH IT'S NOTHING. I DIDNT KNOW YOU'RE A PRINCE.
JUST CALL ME LUKE
I THOUGHT YOU WERE JANE'S EX-CLASSMATE
I GUESS I WAS WRONG

OH NO, YOU'RE RIGHT... ONLY JANE IS A YEAR OLDER
BUT SINCE SHE WASN'T FLUENT IN JAPANESE, SHE WAS HELD BACK A GRADE
THAT'S HOW WE GOT TO BE IN THE SAME CLASS
ONE YEAR?
SO YOU'RE FIFTEEN RIGHT?
YES
HEHE..
?
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
HAHA. SO IT'S TRUE! I HAVE HEARD THAT JAPANESE PEOPLE LOOK YOUNG FOR THEIR AGE!
YOUNG..
STR
ESS
NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY
GOOD NIGHT MARI,
I HAD A WONDERFUL NIGHT
SO DID I!
HM?

WHOAAA!
WAIT A MINUTE!
WE DON'T HAVE THIS CUSTOM IN JAPAN!
SORRY!
GOOD N-GHT...
SLAM!
GASP! THAT SURPRISED ME!
PANT!
PANT!
BADUMP!
BADUMP!
WELL, IT WON'T BE BORING WHILE SHE'S AROUND!
HA!
HA!

I HOPE HE'S NOT MAD
AH ANYWAY, I DANCED WITH A PRINCE! WHEN I'M BACK IN JAPAN I CAN SHOW OFF A LITTLE BIT!
I'M TOO EXCITED. I DON'T THINK I CAN FALL ASLEEP TONITE!
I'M SLEEEEPY..
ZZZZ
THAT NIGHT
I HAD A WONDERFUL DREAM!

YAWN!
MM
WHO IS IT? SO EARLY IN THE MORNING...
YES MOM, I'M COMING...
MOM..?
OH I REMEMBER! I'M IN A PALACE!
OH, THE PHONE!
GOOD MORNING MARI! DID YOU SLEEP WELL?
JANE!
WHAT? BREAKFAST IN YOUR ROOM?
OKAY!

SIGH!
YOU SEEM TIRED, JANE?
I AM!
LAST NIGHT I HAD TO ACCOM-PANY
AMBASS-ADORS FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES!
SHAKE HANDS, DANCE.
IS THE KING STILL SLEEPING?
NO, HE LEFT THIS MORNING TO GO TO SOUTH AMERICA,
THERE IS AN IMPOR-TANT MEETING
AHH, I WISH EDWARD WASN'T A KING!
HEE HEE
MARI
SORRY ABOUT LAST NIGHT
IT MUST HAVE BEEN UNPLEASANT FOR YOU.

AHAHA!
IT'S ALRIGHT, IT WAS FUN TO BE THERE!
AND OF COURSE EDWARD, AND...
OH I ALMOST FORGOT, THERE'S ALSO LUKE
LUKE...
THERE AREN'T MANY PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT ME...
ONLY YOU...
AH SORRY, THERE'S ALSO YOU!
ARF!
RUFF!
LET ME GET HIM!
PLEASE FORGIVE HIM!

ABOUT LUKE...
HE ALWAYS ARGUES WITH GENERAL DUBELL
DUBELL...
AH, THAT OFFICIAL LOOKING MAN?
HE IS HIGHEST RANKED IN THE PALACE
ONE COULD SAY HE'S OUR PROTECTOR...
HE'S GOT THE QUEEN'S TRUST
AND HE WAS VERY AGAINST OUR MARRIAGE
JANE
IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP?
MARI
ALTHOUGH MAYBE THERE ISN'T ANYTHING I CAN DO!!
THANK YOU MARI
I LOVE YOU

JANE!
IS THERE SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN BOTHERING YOU?
YOU WERE ABOUT TO SAY SOMETHING YESTERDAY
I CAN'T TELL YOU!
I'M SO SCARED! THAT'S WHY I CALLED YOU HERE.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE INVOLVED YOU!!
IS THAT ALL?
DON'T DISSAPOINT ME!
THE TRUTH IS
ON THE NORTH PALACE TOWER.
THERE IS
THERE IS
WHAT?
A GHOST

IN THIS KINGDOM
THERE'S A LEGEND THAT SAYS IF THERE IS A PERSON WHO IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY
THE GHOST OF AN ANCIENT KING WILL APPEAR
AND HE WILL CONFRONT THEM
REALLY ?
TWO MAIDS SAW IT
AND THEY WEREN'T THE TYPE TO LIE

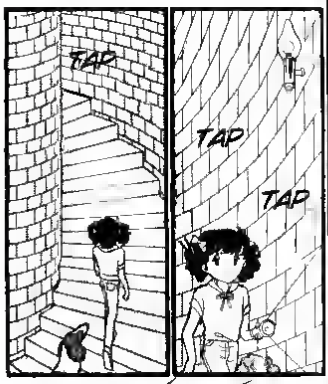
AND NOW THE GHOST HAS APPEARED
EVERY NIGHT HE WALKS THE NORTH TOWER
IT STARTED RIGHT AFTER I BECAME THE QUEEN
I CAN'T TALK ABOUT THIS TO ANYONE
SINCE IT'S REGARDING THE ROYAL FAMILY
BESIDES
I DON'T WANT EDWARD TO KNOW ABOUT THIS
LUCKILY THE TWO MAIDS PROMISED ME THEY WOULDN'T TELL ANYONE
BUT IF THERE ARE MORE WITNESSES, THERE WILL BE CHAOS!
OKAY JANE, I GOT IT!
ENOUGH OF YOUR STORY!
I SHALL DESTROY THAT GHOST!

MARI
EVEN IF THE GHOST EXISTS,
I WILL SAY STRAIGHT TO HIS FACE THAT HIS APPEARANCE THIS TIME IS A BIG MISTAKE!
THERE IS A CHANCE THAT
THOSE MAIDS COULD'VE BEEN HALLUC -INATING
JANE IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE PERSON TO BE THE QUEEN!
THANK YOU MARI!
THEN TONIGHT WE SHALL GO TOGETHER TO NORTH TOWER!
YOU CANT, MY QUEEN!
LEAVE IT TO ME!
GOING ALONE IS TOO DANGEROUS!
I'M NOT ALONE
I'VE GOT A BODYGUARD RIGHT HERE!
GULP!

ROGREEN?
YUP! THAT'S THE POINT OF HAVING A DOG AS A PET, RIGHT?
BESIDES HE ATTACKS PEOPLE THAT HE MEETS FOR THE FIRST TIME
IT'S PERFECT!
NOW ...
YOU LISTEN UP!
WHAT A LONG FACE!
-WHINE!-
IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO THE QUEEN
YOU'LL BECOME A STRAY DOG
WHO'LL HAVE TO EAT
OFF THE STREET! YOU GOT THAT?!
NOD
NOD
NOD
DONE
MARI
DON'T WORRY!
IF WE SEE GHOSTS WE'LL BECOME STRONGER!
ER..?
THAT'S AN OLD JAPANESE SAYING..
ANYWAY, TELL ME HOW TO GET TO
THE NORTH TOWER
WHIMPER!
WHINE!

POOF!
WHY DO YOU CARE ABOUT GHOSTS IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY? JUST HURRY UP, PACK YOUR STUFF AND GO BACK TO JAPAN!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING MARI? YOU WANNA DIE?
MARI, YOU CAN'T RUN AWAY
WHILE YOUR FRIEND JANE IS IN TROUBLE!
DONT BE A COWARD!
TO BE HONEST...
I'M ACTUALLY SCARED...

RIGHT! LET'S CONTINUE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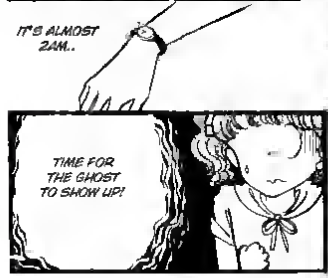
IT'S ALMOST 2AM..
TIME FOR THE GHOST TO SHOW UP!

DONG! DONG!
THE UNDERWORLD!
PLEASE LET THIS BE OVER SOON..

CREAK!
YELP!
AHHHH!
IDIOT! WHY DID YOU YELP?!
THAT WAS ONLY A RAT!
THUMP!
OH, IT'S BROKEN.
IT'S YOUR FAULT!!

IT'S.
IT'S THE GHOST!!

AH
EEP!
RUN!
TURN!
MR. ANCIENT KING...!
I SHOULD HAVE ASKED FOR HIS NAME!
NO!
I MUST TALK TO HIM!

YOU ARE WRONG!
THERE'S NOBODY HERE THAT ISN'T APPROPRIATE FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY!
IT'S TRUE THAT JANE IS NOT OF A NOBLE BLOOD
BUT SHE'S PRETTY AND VERY NICE...
SHE'S THE PERFECT PERSON TO BE THE QUEEN...
WHIIIINE!
RO... RO... ROGREEN
YOU USELESS DOG!
HURRY UP AND PROTECT ME!
SLASH!
AH!

PLEASE CALM DOWN, MR. KING!
IF WE TALK, I'M SURE YOU'LL UNDERSTAND
IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO MARI
CHOP!
I'LL BE THROWN OUT
AND LIVE OFF GARBAGE!
DIG
DIG
OOF!
LET GO!
GRRRR...
ROGREEN!

THUMP
YELP!
BAH!
SWISH!
TAP!
TAP
TAP
HE SAVED ME
THANK YOU ROGREEN!
ARE YOU OKAY?
BLOOD?
FROM ROGREEN'S BITE?

GHOST DON'T BLEED..
SO THAT WAS.. A HUMAN?
IT'S DRIPPED EVERYWHERE
THIS MUST BE..
THE WORK OF A HUMAN BEING
BUT WHO .
AND WHAT FOR?

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IS IT TRUE, MARI?
I NEVER LIE
PRETENDING TO BE A GHOST TO CREATE RUMORS
IT'S TERRIBLE
GONG
JANE ! I ALMOST GOT KILLED BACK THERE!
IF ROGREEN WASN'T WITH ME, I'D HAVE BEEN HISTORY BY NOW
YEAH, YOU'RE LUCKY
SSST SSST
MEANIE!
I CAN ONLY THINK OF TWO REASONS WHY THIS HAS HAPPENED
ONE, TO GET PUBLICITY AND ANNOUNCE TO THE WORLD ABOUT THIS GHOST THING AND THEN TURN THE NORTH TOWER INTO SOME KIND OF TOURIST RESORT
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS IS

OR TWO,
BY SPREADING THOSE GHOST RUMORS, IT WILL DROP THE ROYAL FAMILY'S CREDIBILITY
I REMEMBER THE RUMOR SAYS THAT IF THE LATE KING'S GHOST APPEARS,
THEN THE KINGDOM IS IN GREAT DANGER
THIS WILL CREATE MAJOR CHAOS
EVERYONE WILL BE ASKING WHO'S UNSUITABLE IN THE ROYAL FAMILY
THIS ISN'T JUST ABOUT YOU, JANE
THE KING IS ALSO IN GRAVE DANGER
BOTH OF YOU WILL BE EXILED.
WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS?
THAT'S

KNOCK KNOCK
YOUR HIGHNESS, I'VE BROUGHT THE TEA THAT YOU ORDERED
I DIDN'T ORDER ANY TEA!
TAKE THAT BACK I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF AN IMPORTANT DISCUSSION. DIDN'T I GIVE AN ORDER NOT TO ALLOW ANYONE TO ENTER ?
Y.. YES I'M TERRIBLY SORRY
NOW, I WONDER WHO ORDERED THIS TEA FOR THE QUEEN ?
SUCH A WASTE FOR THE BEST TEA AROUND
AAAAA
PRANG
THUD
WHAT'S GOING ON ?

KYAAA...
THAT MAID...
HELP.... PLEASE SOMEONE... HELP...
THE CUP... SHE DRANK THE TEA...?
THE TEA THAT WAS MEANT FOR US!

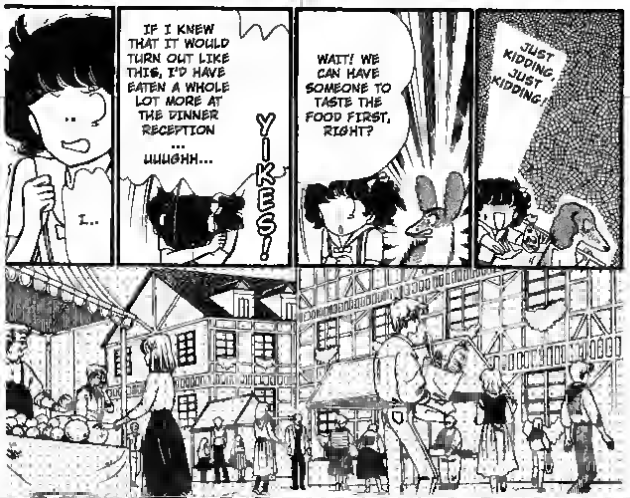
A HEART ATTACK
!
THAT CAN'T BE, PLEASE, COULD YOU CHECK AGAIN
MISS, I'M A REPUTABLE ROYAL DOCTOR
.....
CREAK
I PITY HER
SHE'S THE SAME AGE AS US...
SHE DIDN'T DIE BECAUSE OF A HEART ATTACK
SHE WAS POISONED

MARI?
SHE TOOK OUR PLACE
I'M A FAN OF MYSTERY NOVELS, SO I KNOW ABOUT THIS STUFF
THESE AREN'T THE SYMPTOMS OF A HEART ATTACK
SHE...
SHE SECRETLY DRANK THE TEA THAT WAS MEANT FOR US
THERE'S NO MISTAKE THE TEA IS POISONED
I BET THE ROYAL DOCTOR IS INVOLVED IN THIS TOO
DOES HE THINK I'LL BELIEVE HIS STORY?
SO
BECAUSE THE GHOST TRICK FAILED ...
NOW THEY PLAN TO GET RID OF US
MAYBE
BUT I DON'T THINK THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME
THEY WILL DO ANYTHING THAT IS NECESSARY
AND THE GHOST STORY IS JUST THE BEGINNING

BY THE WAY, JANE
SUPPOSE
THAT SOMETHING HAPPENS TO YOU AND THE KING
WHO WILL TAKE OVER THE KING'S POSITION ?
LUKE
BUT . HE'S NOT THE KIND OF PERSON WHO WOULD DO THIS KIND OF THING
AMONGST THE ROYAL FAMILY MEMBERS, HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO ISN'T AGAINST MY MARRIAGE
ONLY HIM .

JANE...
I DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE THAT LUKE IS BEHIND ALL OF THIS EITHER
BUT ALL THE FACTS SUGGEST THAT HE'S THE ONE THAT WILL BENEFIT FROM THESE INCIDENTS
AH!
I... I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING SCARY
MARI?

THEY'LL NEVER GIVE UP
PERHAPS THEY WILL PUT POISON IN OUR FOOD AND DRINKS
THAT MEANS...
WE CAN'T EAT OR DRINK ANYTHING THAT IS SERVED IN THE PALACE ANYMORE
JANE


I...
IF I KNEW THAT IT WOULD TURN OUT LIKE THIS, I'D HAVE EATEN A WHOLE LOT MORE AT THE DINNER RECEPTION
...
UUUGHH...
YIKES!
WAIT! WE CAN HAVE SOMEONE TO TASTE THE FOOD FIRST, RIGHT?
JUST KIDDING, JUST KIDDING!

MISS, WOULD YOU LIKE SOME PICTURE POSTCARDS?
IT HAS A LOVELY PICTURE OF THE IMPERIAL PALACE
SILVER CHANDELIER FROM THE PALACE
IT'S ON SALE NOW
HOW COULD THEY STAND TO MAKE MONEY BY USING THE PALACE'S NAME ?
MMGH
IT'S SO HEAVY
I NEVER IMAGINED THAT IT WOULD TURN OUT TO BE LIKE THIS
AH
ROLL
ROLL
SORRY ..

AH! YOU'RE THAT PALACE GUARD
GOOD AFTER-NOON
JUST CALL ME GREY
DON'T THEY HAVE ENOUGH FOOD AT THE PALACE ?
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP
THAT'S OKAY. I'M GOING TO THE PALACE ANYWAY
BY THE WAY, I DIDN'T SEE YOU AT THE DINNER RECEPTION
LOW CLASS GUYS LIKE ME AREN'T ALLOWED TO ATTEND THAT KIND OF EVENT
OH YES, HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN TO STAY HERE?
ERR I'M NOT SURE
UNTIL MY VACATION ENDED, I GUESS

GRIP
TOMORROW
NO, BETTER YET, TODAY YOU SHOULD
GO BACK TO YOUR COUNTRY
IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD
W...WHY?

I CAN'T TELL YOU THE REASON
BUT YOU WILL ONLY BE A NUISANCE HERE
BECAUSE YOU SPREAD ALL THOSE RUMORS
HOLD THIS FOR ME PLEASE
SLAP
I'M NOT THE KIND OF GIRL WHO'LL JUST LEAVE A FRIEND IN TROUBLE!
I CAN'T JUST GO HOME WHILE JANE'S STILL IN DANGER
DON'T YOU SEE!?

GIVE ME THAT!
SST
TAP TAP
WA... WAIT
JUST TALK WITH THE QUEEN YOURSELF!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN JANE'S IN DANGER?
KRA-OOOM
HUH?
WATCH OUT!

ARE YOU ALLRIGHT ?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT CAR...?
VRROOOMM
HE'S TRYING TO RUN US DOWN!
QUICK!
GO INTO THAT ALLEY!
KYAAA.. THE FOOD!
LEAVE IT, YOUR LIFE'S MORE IMPORTANT
FOOD ...
SPLLAASSHH

ZZZOOOWWW
VVRRMM
FINALLY, THEY GAVE UP!
AAAHH, THE FOOD
HERE'S SOME BANANAS GO BACK TO YOUR HOMELAND IN THE MOUNTAIN
NYUKK NYUKK
WHAT THE ...!
IT'S NOT ME THAT THEY'RE AFTER
THEY STILL HAVEN'T SUSPECTED OUR MOVEMENT YET
THAT MEANS, THEY'RE AFTER THAT GIRL ?
I HAVE TO GO SHOPPING AGAIN
SOB

DAMN IT, ANOTHER PROBLEM HAS COME UP
IT'S GETTING MORE COMPLICATED
HEY!
THAT CAR WAS TRYING TO RUN YOU DOWN
IS THERE SOMEONE THAT YOU SUSPECT?
YES, THERE IS. BUT I WON'T TELL YOU
WHY?
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER YOU'RE MY ALLY OR ENEMY
HOLD ON A MINUTE
WELL THEN, DON'T MAKE A MISTAKE

ZAK
I CAN'T TELL YOU ANYTHING ABOUT THIS
REFLEX
BUT THANK YOU FOR RESCUING ME
BOW
I'M HOME, JANE
OH YOU'RE BACK?
HOW ARE THINGS GOING?
I TOLD THEM THAT I'M STAYING HERE WITH YOU
SO I ASKED THEM TO DELIVER THE FOOD HERE
THAT'S GREAT

GULP GULP GULP
UH, IT'S FRUSTRATING TO EAT JUNK FOOD WITH DELICIOUS FOOD IN FRONT OF YOU
HMM, WE HAVE NO CHOICE. IT'S BETTER THAN BEING POISONED
IF I BURY IT HERE, NO ONE WILL NOTICE.
SWISH SWISH
BUT WHAT ABOUT ALL THIS FOOD ?
WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE IT LIKE THAT. IT WILL MAKE THEM SUSPICIOUS.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

GO, GOOD AFTERNOON PRINCE SHARELL
T-THIS? I'M JUST FERTILIZING THIS TREE
I HOPE THAT IT WILL BEAR GOOD FRUITS NEXT YEAR
HMM, WELL THEN, I WILL ALSO BURY MY LUNCH
SEE, I'M SURE THAT NEXT YEAR CANDY WILL GROW ON THIS TREE
IF IT HAPPENS, LET ME KNOW, OKAY?
I'M LYING TO A KID
SHARELL, MARI
BIG BROTHER
GULP
LUKE!
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU FOUND YOURSELF A PLAYMATE
YES!
I WAS FERTILIZING

SHARELL, WHY DON'T WE PLAY IN MY ROOM?
YOU CAN TRY ON A JAPANESE KIMONO THERE
I WANT TO SEE IT TOO
I'LL HELP YOU PUT IT ON
NO, YOU CAN'T!
HE HE
BUMP
FERTILIZER?

.....
MARI

LIEUTENANT ARTHUR
ARE YOU ENJOYING THE SCENERY?
IF I MAY .....
MARI IS PLAYING WITH ME!
OH...
I SEE THAT YOU'RE ALREADY WITH PRINCE SHARELL. I'LL GIVE UP THEN
MARI
NEXT TIME LET US SPEND SOME TIME TOGETHER
EH?
IS... IS THIS... SOME KIND OF AN INVITATION TO A DATE?
ARTHUR... ARTHUR... WHERE ARE YOU ?
OH, HERE COMES THE PRINCESS

EXCUSE ME MARI, PRINCE SHARELL
I HAVE TO GET GOING
PLOK
PLOK
ARTHUR
SHARELL!
SO YOU RAN AWAY FROM YOUR PRIVATE LESSON AGAIN
YOUR HISTORY TEACHER IS REALLY ANGRY, YOU KNOW ?
BUT ISN'T YOUR FRENCH TEACHER ALSO ANGRY AT YOU ALL THE TIME?
HE ALWAYS SAID THAT YOU DIDN'T PAY ENOUGH ATTENTION TO THE LESSON
.....
HOW DARE YOU! LAST YEAR YOU WERE STILL WETTING YOUR OWN BED!
SO WHAT!? KIDS AT MY AGE ALWAYS DO THAT
WELL THEN, I'LL LEAVE YOU TWO ALONE

THIS SCENERY
CLEAR SKY, BLUE SEA
IN THIS PEACEFUL COUNTRY..
LEMON SCENT CARRIED BY THE BREEZE

WHO COULD IMAGINE ...
THAT SUCH A TERRIBLE THING COULD OCCUR IN THE PALACE
THE QUEEN'S MAID IS DEAD
THE OFFICIAL REPORT SAYS THAT THE CAUSE IS A HEART ATTACK.
THAT REPORT IS A FAKE!
BAM!
IS THERE ANYONE WHO KNOWS THE DETAILS OF THIS INCIDENT?
WELL ...
IT HAPPENED WHEN SHE BROUGHT TEA FOR THE QUEEN AND THAT JAPANESE GIRL... SUDDENLY SHE'S DEAD...
TEA ...

I DON'T THINK WE CAN WAIT ANY LONGER
INFORM THE OTHERS!
WE MUST SET THE D-DAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
OKAY
BUT WE MUST BE CAREFUL
IT SEEMS THAT WE'VE UNDER-ESTIMATED OUR ENEMY
THEY WILL KILL ANYONE THAT'S IN THEIR WAY IF NECESSARY

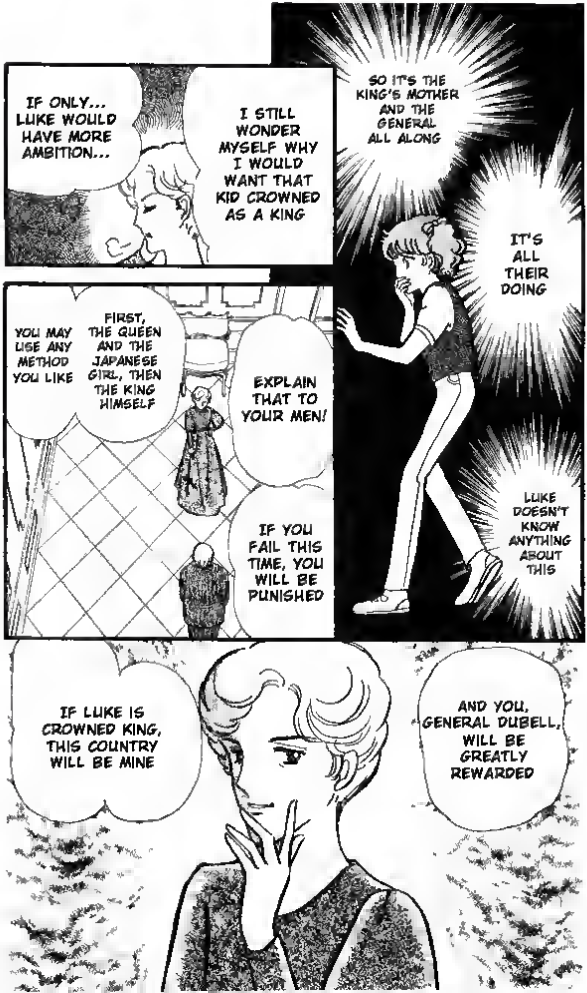
YOU'RE GOING TO SNEAK INTO LUKE'S ROOM ?
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS MARI?
YES! WE MUST ACT. TIME'S AGAINST US
WE HAVE TO BE SURE OF WHO'S BEHIND ALL OF THIS. WE CAN'T JUST ACCUSE ANYONE...
BUT ..
JANE, PLEASE DON'T MIX YOUR JUDGEMENT WITH YOUR FEELINGS NOW
IF THEY FOUND OUT THAT THEY FAILED TO POISON US,
WHO KNOWS WHAT KIND OF TRAPS WILL BE WAITING FOR US
.....
JANE, I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE LUKE IS BEHIND ALL OF THIS
BUT PLEASE DON'T BE SAD LIKE THIS

...YES
WHAT YOU SAID IS TRUE, MARI
I'M SORRY
ARE YOU AFRAID THAT THEY'RE GOING TO SECRETLY KILL ME ?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT. IM GOING TO TRICK THEM IF THEY DO THAT
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE DOGREEN WITH YOU?
THIS TIME, YOU'LL STAY HERE
GUARD THE QUEEN WELL
BECAUSE HE'S NOT A MONKEY
WELL WISH ME LUCK, OK ?
BUT...
THIS PLAN IS REALLY DANGEROUS
IF HE'S THE ONE BEHIND ALL THESE ...
BLAM
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER?

SRAK
I CAN REACH LUKE'S BALCONY IF I FOLLOW THIS TREE
WHIZZ
WHIZZ
WHIZZ
HERE I AM

NOW ...
WHAT!? WHY IS THE KING'S MOTHER HERE?
IF THEY FIND ME, IT'S GOING TO BE A MESS. I'D BETTER GET GOING
HMMMM, I THINK I GOT THE WRONG ROOM...
GREEBAK
EXCUSE ME.
COME IN, GENERAL DUBELL.
WHY ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE JUST DEALING WITH TWO LITTLE GIRLS!?

EH?
I'M SORRY, MY QUEEN
TH... THAT WAS ..?
YOU'RE A BRIGHT PERSON DUBELL! HOW CAN YOU LOSE AGAINST THAT LITTLE GIRL!?
THE PLOT TO SEPARATE THE KING AND QUEEN BY USING THOSE GHOST STORIES
HAS BEEN FOILED BY THAT JAPANESE GIRL
MORE OVER, AN ASSASINATION ATTEMPT ON THAT JAPANESE GIRL ALSO FAILED
YOU USED THE POISON, BUT YOU GOT THE MAID INSTEAD!
THOSE TWO GIRLS ARE BECOMING MORE TROUBLE-SOME
WHY DO YOUR MEN ALWAYS MAKE MISTAKES?
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY, MY QUEEN


IF ONLY... LUKE WOULD HAVE MORE AMBITION...
I STILL WONDER MYSELF WHY I WOULD WANT THAT KID CROWNED AS A KING
SO IT'S THE KING'S MOTHER AND THE GENERAL ALL ALONG
IT'S ALL THEIR DOING
LUKE DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS
YOU MAY USE ANY METHOD YOU LIKE
FIRST, THE QUEEN AND THE JAPANESE GIRL, THEN THE KING HIMSELF
EXPLAIN THAT TO YOUR MEN!
IF YOU FAIL THIS TIME, YOU WILL BE PUNISHED
IF LUKE IS CROWNED KING, THIS COUNTRY WILL BE MINE
AND YOU, GENERAL DUBELL, WILL BE GREATLY REWARDED

WHO IS THAT!?
COME OUT!
OH NO, WHAT DO I DO NOW?
BLAM

CRACK

NO!
IF I DIE NOW, THEN I WILL BECOME A GHOST
THE LATE KING'S GHOST MAY ONLY BE A RUMOR
BUT I'LL BE A REAL GHOST
I'LL HAUNT THE SOUTH OR NORTH TOWER DAYS AND NIGHTS
DOES THAT DANGEROUS THING ACTUALLY WORK, GENERAL?
W...WHAT? I'M NOT DEAD YET
THERE'S NO BLOOD ANYWHERE

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HOORAAY
IT'S JUST ME, MOTHER, GENERAL.
GULP
LUKE!
I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT I BETTER GET OUT OF HERE
CRAWL CRAWL
KRRRIEEK

LU.. LUKE, YOU OVERHEARD OUR CONVER-SATION ...
YES, I HEARD IT
ALL OF IT
LUKE, I'M ... EVERYTHING'S FOR YOUR..
I UNDERSTAND, MOTHER
IT ISN'T NECESSARY TO KILL THE QUEEN AND HER FRIEND
WE CAN SUCCEED JUST BY KILLING THE KING RIGHT?
BUT IF IT IS FOR MY SAKE,
YOU'LL STOP THIS STUPID PLAN

LUKE, YOU...
THE KING OF THE IMPERIAL KINGDOM ...
I THINK IT REALLY SUITS ME, RIGHT MOTHER?
LET'S BRIBE ONE OF THE KING'S GUARDS. AND THEN WE CAN HAVE HIM EXILED FROM THIS COUNTRY
IT'S A PITY THAT HE CAN NEVER SEE HIS HOME COUNTRY AGAIN. BUT AT LEAST HE CAN STILL KEEP HIS LIFE
JANE
MARI!
THANK GOD YOU'RE SAFE.
... WHAT DID YOU FIND?
.....

THE ONES BEHIND ALL OF THIS ARE THE KING'S MOTHER AND THE GENERAL
AND THEY'RE GOING TO KILL THE KING TOO...
BUT... HOW CAN I TELL JANE ABOUT THIS?
MARI?
ERR... IT SEEMS THAT LUKE IS NOT THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS
REALLY?
SEE... DIDN'T I TELL YOU THAT HE WOULD NEVER DO THIS KIND OF THING
I'M SORRY, JANE
BUT THIS PROBLEM IS JUST TOO BIG FOR US TO HANDLE BY OURSELVES
LUKE...
HE'S LETTING ME GO

HE HEARD THE CONVERSATION
KNOCK KNOCK
MARI
MARI
GOOD MORNING! WHAT'S THE MATTER, JANE?
YAWN
LISTEN TO ME MARI
HE KNEW ABOUT HIS MOTHER'S PLOT
EDWARD IS COMING HOME TODAY!
WHAT WILL HE DO NEXT...?
IT SEEMS THAT HE'S FINISHED HIS DUTY AHEAD OF SCHEDULE
SO HE CAN GO BACK NOW. HE'LL BE BACK BY THIS EVENING
THE KING IS RETURNING

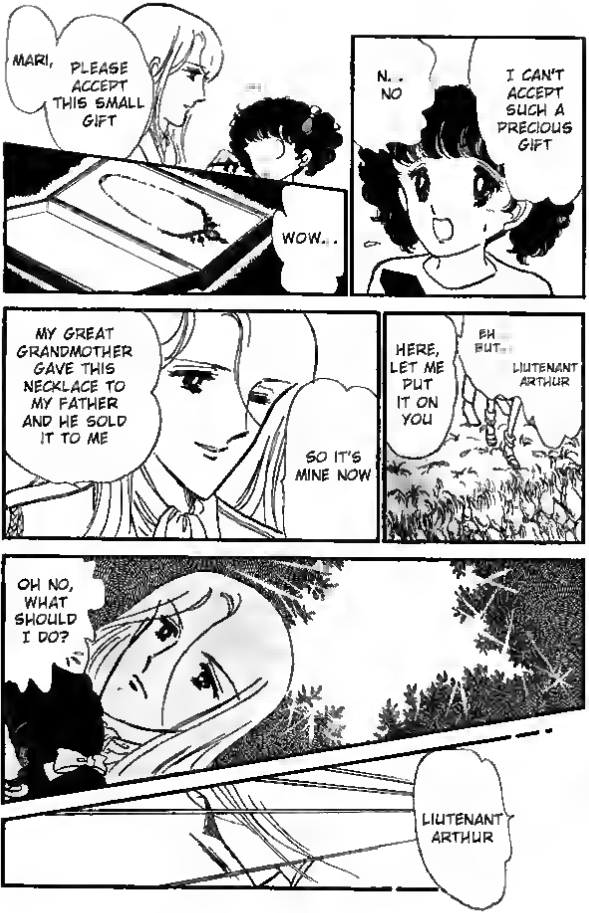
THAT'S IT! I'M GOING TO TALK TO THE KING
ABOUT THE CONSPIRACY BETWEEN HIS MOTHER AND THE GENERAL
HE'LL BELIEVE ME
THANK GOD
ONE LESS PROBLEM TO HANDLE
LU...
HAH

ERR.. I DON'T THINK THIS IS THE RIGHT MOMENT TO SAY HELLO
SNEAK
DONG
.....
GO.. GOOD AFTER-NOON
SORRY, I DON'T MEAN TO INTRUDE YOUR PRIVACY
ERR.. ABOUT LAST NIGHT..
DON'T DO ANYTHING FOOLISH
MARI!

STAY BESIDE JANE
I WANT YOU TO PROTECT HER.
YES
.....
PROTECT HER..
PROTECT HER..
LUKE...
COULD IT BE THAT HE...

YES. JANE IS BEAUTIFUL AND KIND...
EVERYONE LOVES HER
BUT SHE'S MARRIED
W... WHAT?
WHAT AM I THINKING?
OOOPS
AH... MY MIS-TAKE
MARI
I WAS JUST GOING TO SEE YOU IN YOUR ROOM
DO YOU HAVE A SPARE MOMENT?

LIUTENANT ARTHUR...
WATCH YOUR STEPS
SHUUU
BEAUTIFUL VIEW, ISN'T IT?
THE CITY LOOKS PEACEFUL FROM HERE
LIUTENANT ARTHUR... HE'S NICE VERY NICE
STRANGE...
I SHOULD'VE BEEN HAPPIER


MARI,
PLEASE ACCEPT THIS SMALL GIFT
WOW...
N. . NO
I CAN'T ACCEPT SUCH A PRECIOUS GIFT
MY GREAT GRANDMOTHER GAVE THIS NECKLACE TO MY FATHER AND HE SOLD IT TO ME
SO IT'S MINE NOW
HERE, LET ME PUT IT ON YOU
EH BUT...
LIUTENANT ARTHUR
OH NO, WHAT SHOULD I DO?
LIUTENANT ARTHUR

THE GENERAL IS ASKING FOR YOU, SIR
.....
GREY
FINE, I'LL BE THERE
SEE YOU LATER, MARI
DRIP
YOUR FACE ...
I DON'T THINK I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE ...
I JUST JOINED THE ROYAL GUARD THIS SPRING, SIR
HMM. VERY WELL

IT SEEMS THAT THE LIUTENANT HAS A CRUSH ON YOU, EH?
I THOUGHT YOUR EYES WERE SET ONLY ON PRINCE LUKE
MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY... YES, I UNDERSTAND YOUR REASON
I'M NOT THAT KIND OF PERSON!
I WANT YOU...
TO STAY AWAY FROM THAT LIUTENANT
SO THAT'S IT. YOU'RE JEALOUS HUH?
JUST SAY IT
WHAT IF I AM?
I... I... I...
OH NO, NOT A LOVE CONFESSION?

WAIT
HEY...
JUST FORGET WHAT I SAID TO YOU
I DON'T EVEN KNOW MY OWN FEELING
THAT'S OKAY. IT'S JUST THAT SO MANY THINGS HAVE HAPPENED ..
ME... JANE... LUKE TOO
WHAT I SAID ABOUT YOU AND LUKE JUST FORGET IT
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE AFRAID OF, BUT I KNOW THAT YOU'LL BE ALLRIGHT

HE'S SO KIND
I'M SURE THAT YOU CAN GO BACK SAFELY TO JAPAN
DON'T WORRY
BESIDES, EVERYTHING WILL WORK OUT FINE
BELIEVE ME
WELL, SEE YOU LATER

WHAT IS THIS FEELING? FOR A MOMENT I CAN SEE SOMEONE ELSE IN GREY
THOSE EYES, SO KIND AND FULL OF LOVE...
POOF
MARI
HERE YOU ARE!
AH, YOU SCARED ME
TWINK TWINK TWINK
WHERE WERE YOU? I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU
HI, MARI, SHARELL
FORTUNE TELLING?
YES, DO YOU WANT ME TO READ YOUR FORTUNE?

SCRAMBLE THEM WITH YOUR RIGHT HAND WHILE OF THINKING WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW
FIRST CARD, CURRENT CONDITION
"TEN OF WANDS"
THE MEANING IS...
EXCESSIVE PRESSURE, OVERBURDENED FEELING
ZINGG
THE CAUSE FOR THIS IS REVERSED "SIX OF CUPS"
THAT MEANS A CHANGE IN YOUR ENVIRON-MENT
OH MY, I'VE PUT YOU INTO A DEEP PROBLEM
DON'T TAKE IT SERIOUSLY, JANE IT'S JUST A GAME
THIRD CARD, "TWO OF DISKS"
A CHANGE OF FORTUNE A PROBLEM ARISE
ZZIIINNNGGG
THE SOLUTION
"KNIGHT OF SWORDS" THAT MEANS FACING A DIFFICULT SOLUTION WITH DETERMINATION
NOW THE LAST CARD, IN THE NEAR FUTURE IS

"THE LOVERS"
VI
THE LOVE
YOU WILL FIND A BOY-FRIEND
POOF
??????
AH, IT MUST BE ME!
MARI, MAYBE IT'S LUKE
I KNEW IT FROM THE BEGINNING
YOU TWO ARE A PERFECT MATCH
EVEN SO
WHAT I LIKE ABOUT LUKE ..

LET ME BOR-ROW IT
NOW I'M GOING TO READ YOUR FORTUNE
"THE EMPRESS"
A BEAUTIFUL MARRIAGE
KYA
BY THE WAY, SHARELL EDWARD'S COMING HOME TODAY. DID YOU KNOW THAT?
EVEN THOUGH JANE'S MARRIED, LUKE STILL LOVES HER
I'M SO JEALOUS
THERE ARE SO MANY UNFAIR THINGS IN THIS WORLD
IF ONLY A WOMAN CAN BE LOVED BY ONLY ONE MAN
EDWARD
LUKE
BUT THE TRUTH IS LIKE THIS
NO GOOD
THEN
THE LAST CARD..

MARI?
FWAP
WHAT?
TELL ME...
WHAT CARD?
KNOCK KNOCK
MY QUEEN!
WHAT IS IT?
IT'S A DISASTER...
THE IMPERIAL JET... THAT HIS HIGHNESS IS ON... IT'S MISSING
WE LOST CONTACT SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN

THE WORST POSSIBLE THING THAT COULD HAPPEN... IT CRASHED...
EDWARD...
HOOWWLL
JANE!
DEATH

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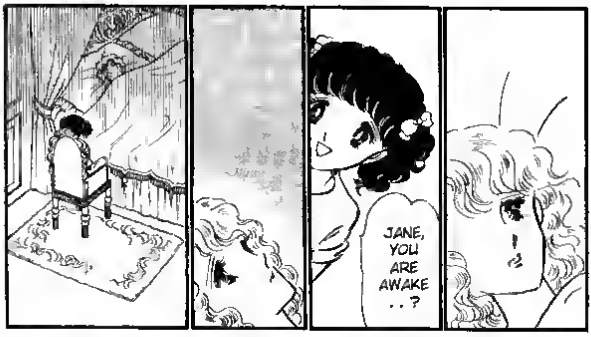
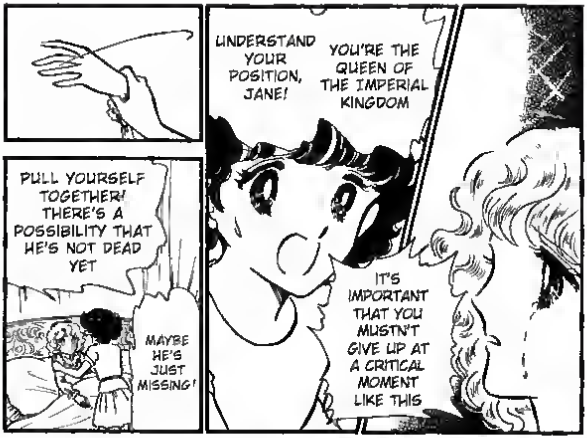
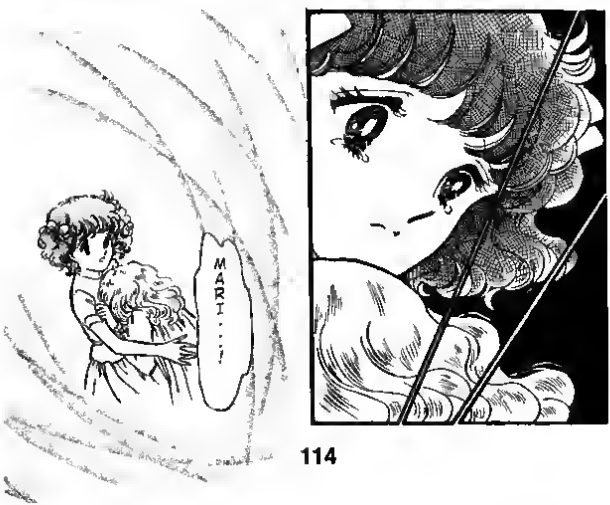
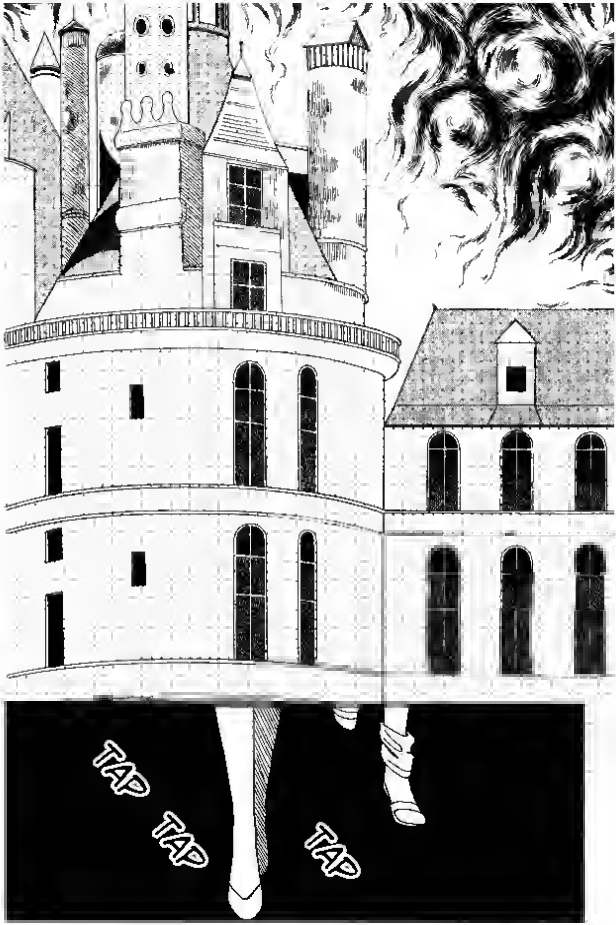



UNDERSTAND YOUR POSITION, JANE!
YOU'RE THE QUEEN OF THE IMPERIAL KINGDOM
IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU MUSTN'T GIVE UP AT A CRITICAL MOMENT LIKE THIS
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER! THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT HE'S NOT DEAD YET
MAYBE HE'S JUST MISSING!


MARI...!


TAP
TAP
TAP

CREAK
MY QUEEN, YOU SHOULD BE IN BED ...
IT'S OKAY, I'M FINE
HAS A SEARCH PARTY BEEN ARRANGED?
THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY TO THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION BEFORE WE LOST CONTACT WITH THE PLANE
WE SHOULD HEAR FROM THEM VERY SOON
I SEE
PLEASE KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

I DON'T WANT TO CREATE CHAOS AMONGST THE PEOPLE
PLEASE KEEP THIS NEWS A SECRET
AT LEAST UNTIL WE CAN CONFIRM THIS
LUKE
YES
FOR THE TIME BEING, I WANT YOU TO BE IN CHARGE OF ALL THE KING'S DUTIES
YES
JANE
DON'T WORRY. I'M SURE THAT MY BROTHER IS SAFE
YES, THAT'S WHAT I BELIEVE TOO

LUKE
...
DING DONG DING DONG
WHAT IS THIS?

LUKE
IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH
TILL DEATH DO YOU PART, DO YOU PROMISE TO LOVE THIS WOMAN FOREVER AND EVER?
I DO
I NOW DECLARE YOU .

!
gasp
W.. WHY DID HE SUDDENLY BECOME GREY?!
AND WHAT TIMING, RIGHT WHEN LUKE WAS ABOUT TO KISS ME
THIS IS NO TIME TO THINK ABOUT THAT
FORGIVE ME, JANE

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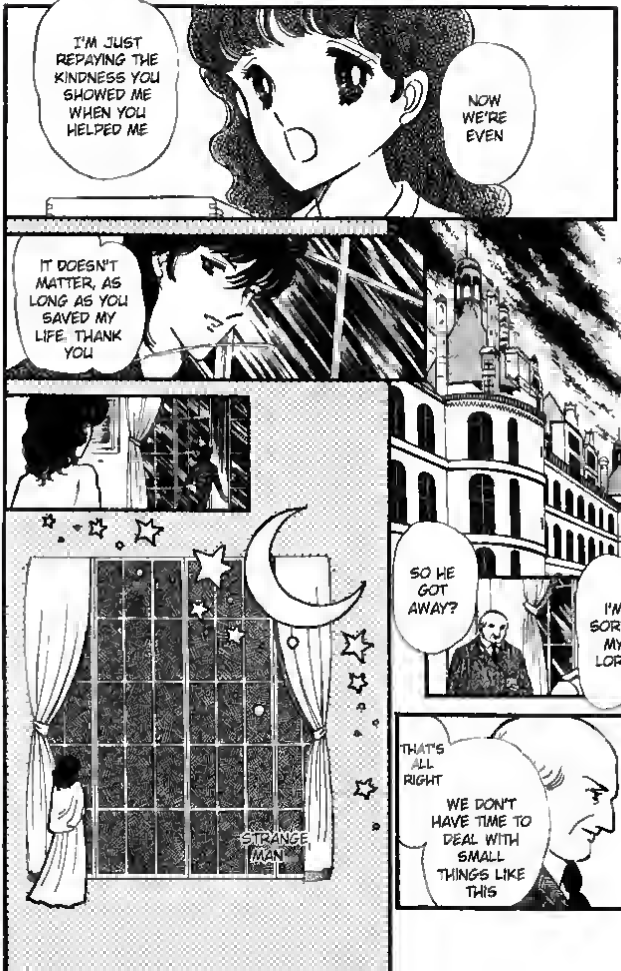
CLICK
WHO IS IT—?
GREY!
KNOCK KNOCK
I'M SORRY FOR DISTURBING YOU AT THIS LATE HOUR, MARI
LIEUTENANT ARTHUR
Y... YES?
CLICK
DID YOU SEE A SUSPICIOUS LOOKING MAN COME IN HERE?
.....

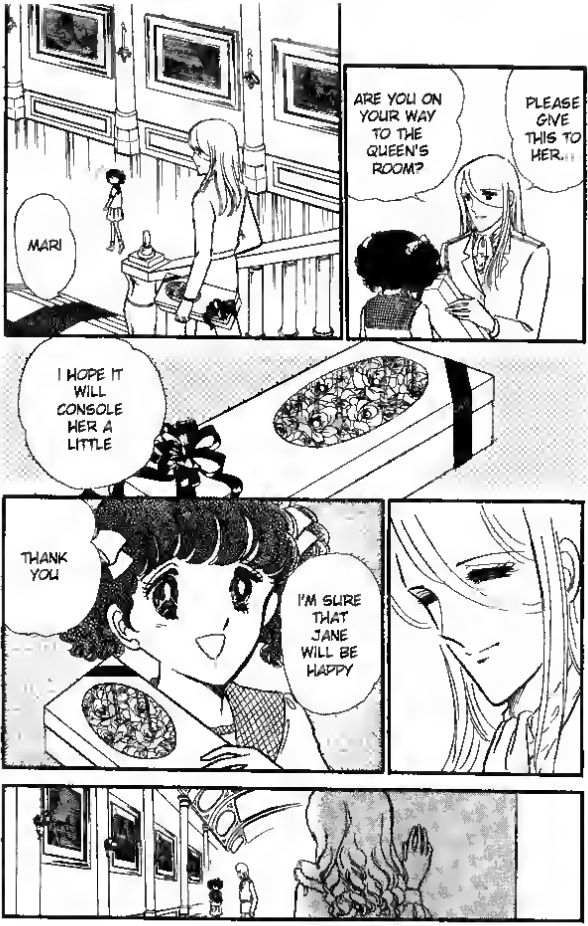
.. NO
VERY WELL... BUT BE CAREFUL
OKAY
HIS HAND IS WOUNDED
PSEW
WHAT HAPPENED?
AREN'T YOU A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL GUARD?
SOMETHING IMPORTANT CAME UP AT THE ARMORY
AND THEN HE SHOT MY HAND
....
WHY ARE YOU PROTECTING ME?
...
DOES THAT MEAN THAT THERE'S STILL HOPE FOR ME?
THERE, IT'S FINISHED
SLAP!
OUCH

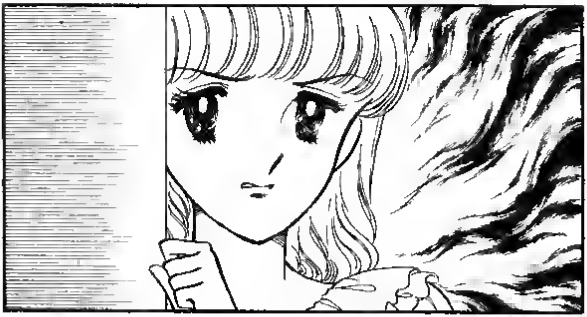

I'M JUST REPAYING THE KINDNESS YOU SHOWED ME WHEN YOU HELPED ME
NOW WE'RE EVEN
IT DOESN'T MATTER, AS LONG AS YOU SAVED MY LIFE. THANK YOU
STRANGE MAN
SO HE GOT AWAY?
I'M SORRY MY LORD
THAT'S ALL RIGHT
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO DEAL WITH SMALL THINGS LIKE THIS

IT WILL BE DAWN IN JUST A FEW HOURS
FINALLY, THIS COUNTRY WILL BE YOURS, GENERAL
MY LIFE LONG DREAM
I'VE SUFFERED ALL THIS TIME, BUT NOW IT WILL PAY OFF
FINALLY, WE CAN GET RID OF THE KING'S MOTHER
SUCH HARSH WORDS! SHE'S STILL AN IMPORTANT PAWN FOR US.
WE TRICKED THE KING'S MOTHER INTO OVERTHROWING THE CURRENT KING AND QUEEN,
AND THEN LUKE WILL BE CROWNED AS THE NEXT KING
AND AMIDST THE CHAOS,
MY ARMY AND I WILL SEIZE THE PALACE

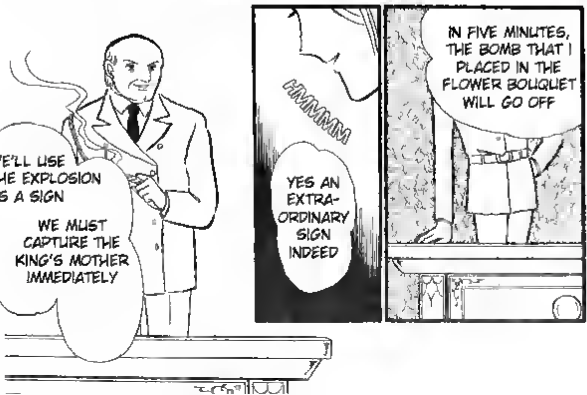
BUT I NEVER IMAGINED THAT PRINCE LUKE WOULD PLAN TO ASSASSINATE THE KING
WHAT A STUPID IDEA
HE'LL NEVER THINK THAT IT'LL BE HIS TURN NEXT
BUT THIS MAKES IT A LOT EASIER
THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY CONSISTS OF ONLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN
I'LL LET YOU HANDLE THE QUEEN
YES
MY LORD, MAY I ALSO DISPOSE OF THAT JAPANESE GIRL?
SHE FOILED MY GHOST TRICKS
DO AS YOU LIKE
I'LL SEE YOU AT DAWN
FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF THE QUEEN AND THE JAPANESE GIRL... !

I WONDER IF JANE SLEPT WELL LAST NIGHT
THAT'S OKAY, I WANT TO SPEND SOME TIME ALONE
YOU KNOW I'LL ALWAYS STAY BY YOUR SIDE
ARE YOU SURE, JANE?
IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, I'LL TELL YOU
I'M SURE THE KING IS SAFE
THIS CAN'T BE A BAD OMEN
THERE'S STILL NO NEWS ABOUT THE KING—


MARI
ARE YOU ON YOUR WAY TO THE QUEEN'S ROOM?
PLEASE GIVE THIS TO HER...
I HOPE IT WILL CONSOLE HER A LITTLE
THANK YOU
I'M SURE THAT JANE WILL BE HAPPY



KNOCK KNOCK
COME IN
WHAT'S THE STATUS?
IT'S GOING FINE
LET'S JUST WAIT FOR THE RESULTS


IN FIVE MINUTES, THE BOMB THAT I PLACED IN THE FLOWER BOUQUET WILL GO OFF
MMMM
YES AN EXTRA-ORDINARY SIGN INDEED
WE'LL USE THE EXPLOSION AS A SIGN
WE MUST CAPTURE THE KING'S MOTHER IMMEDIATELY

ALONG WITH THE QUEEN AND THE JAPANESE GIRL...
Tick Tick Tick

WAIT!
PRINCESS VIVIAN
I NEVER THOUGHT THAT...
...YOU WOULD BE SO INSENSITIVE
ARTHUR WAS BEING NICE TO YOU
BECAUSE YOU'RE JANE'S FRIEND
YOU'RE JUST A COMMONER FROM AN ORIENTAL COUNTRY,
SUCH A SHORT AND WEIRD FACED GIRL...
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN FIND YOURSELF A BOYFRIEND?!
HUH?
GURR
FRUSTRATED

SUCH A RUDE GIRL!

EVEN GREY NEVER SPOKE TO ME THAT WAY

OH YES,
I HAVE TO GIVE THIS TO JANE
ARTHUR'S GIFT FOR JANE...
I DON'T UNDER-STAND ARTHUR
YOU'RE THE QUEEN'S BEST FRIEND, BUT DON'T ACT LIKE YOU CAN DO ANYTHING YOU WANT
BLEEAAAA
IF I HAD A FRIEND LIKE YOU...
WHAT?!
TAP TAP
HOW RUDE!
WHY DID YOU IGNORE ME?!
THAT'S...
WHO?

SLAM
BOOM
MADAM, UNDER THE GENERAL'S ORDER, YOU'RE TO COME WITH ME
A..
DUBELL!
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS.. ?!

THIS PALACE...
NO, I'M TAKING OVER THIS COUNTRY
ARREST THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY
WHAT
AFTER WE ARREST THEM ALL, WE'RE GOING TO EXECUTE THEM ONE BY ONE
TRAITOR!
A COUP* .. !

*coup A sudden appropriation of leadership or power; a takeover

W... W..
WHAT..
WHAT'S
GOING ON?!
THERE WAS A
BOMB IN THE
BOUQUET
NO WAY..
THERE'S
NO WAY
THAT
ARTHUR
ARTHUR

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT... ?!
ARTHUR
KYAAA!
YOU GIRLS ARE SO LUCKY
SHE CAN GIVE YOU A BETTER EXPLANATION... MAYBE
I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU TO YOUR MOTHER
RELAX, PRINCESS VIVIAN
ARTHUR
HEY WAIT...
TAP
ARTHUR IS ON THE GENERAL'S SIDE..

BLAH BLAH
W... WHAT?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT'S WITH THE RUCKUS?
WE CAN'T FIND PRINCE LUKE OR PRINCE SHARELL
FIND THEM QUICKLY! ANYONE WHO PROTECTS THEM WILL BE EXECUTED ON THE SPOT
OUT OF MY WAY!
KYAAA!
BUMP
PSST, JUST STAY CALM
IF WE DON'T FIGHT BACK, THEY WON'T KILL US
BUT I'M SO SCARED
IT SEEMS THAT A COUP IS HAPPENING IN THE PALACE...

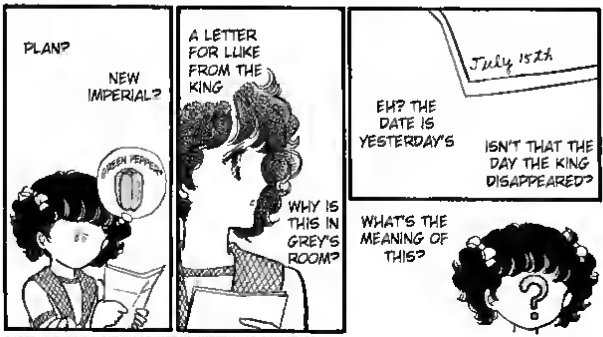
A COUP... THEY MUST MEAN TAKING OVER THE GOVERNMENT BY USING THE MILITARY POWER...
SO THE GENERAL ..?
HAH
THE GENERAL IS USING THE QUEEN
THEIR TRUE INTENTIONS IN GIVING LLIKE THE KING'S POSITION...
IS ACTUALLY TO TAKE OVER THE GOVERNMENT BY ELIMINATING ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY
THE LIEUTENANT IS WORKING UNDER THE GENERAL
SO THAT MEANS ARTHUR TOO))

NO... NO WAY... GREY ...?
THE JAPANESE GIRL! CATCH HER!
AFTER HER! DON'T LET HER GET AWAY!
TAP_TAP_TAP
?
IT'S SO NOISY
POOF
EEHH? WHY ISN'T
THIS WORKING?
HOOSH HOSH

GRAB
KYAAA
PUSH
SLAM
BAM
CLICK
IT'S NOW S...
IT'S ALL RIGHT
CREAK
TAP TAP
I'LL GO FIND PRINCE LUKE
SHE WENT THAT WAY, HURRY UP AND CATCH HER

WHOA..!
WIGGLE
AAHH!
HUH
SLAP!
COWARD!
LIAR!
CHEATER!
DUMMY!

YOU'RE ONLY PRETENDING TO BE NICE TO ME!
ACTUALLY YOU'RE PLANNING A COUP, RIGHT?
YOU'RE ONE OF THE GENERAL'S MEN!
YOU PLAN TO KILL ALL OF US, RIGHT?
UMMM
WR...
YOU'VE MISTAKEN ME, MAR!
DON'T TOUCH ME! I'LL BITE YOU IF YOU DO!
.....
GROWL
YOU'RE SAFE IN HERE
THIS IS MY ROOM
ARE YOU FINISHED? JUST STAY IN HERE AND CALM DOWN
SLAM
CLICK



*NOTE: A PLAY ON JAPANESE WORDS. IMPERIAL IS SIMILAR TO GREEN PEPPER IN JAPANESE. WE THINK IF WE'RE WRONG, PLEASE EMAIL US AT MANGASYNC@YAHOO.COM.

OH NO...
I'VE NEVER HAD TO THINK SO HARD LIKE THIS BEFORE...
DIZZY
TWANG
FINALLY, I GET TO DO SOMETHING
RIP
RIP
SNAP
EEK!
I'M FALLING!
THUD
THUMP
OUCH
I'M LUCKY TO HAVE FALLEN ON THE...
GRASS..

KYAAA
ROGREEN, WHY ARE YOU HERE? WHERE IS JANE?
YOU STILL TALK TO ME LIKE THIS AFTER YOU FELL ON ME?
WHAT?! YOU'RE JUST COMING BACK FROM YOUR MORNING WALK?
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON?
MAGNIFICENT DOG
AH ... ! WE HAVE A CRITICAL SITUATION!
JANE'S IN DANGER
QUICK! COME WITH ME, ROGREEN
... OH NO
SPECIAL POSE

SLAM
SHE'S NOT HERE. THEY MUST HAVE TAKEN HER SOMEWHERE ELSE
LET'S GO FIND HER
TAP TAP
TAP TAP
DAMN IT.. IT DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY AROUND LIKE THIS

UHH
I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PARTS
HMM, I WONDER HOW LONG I HAVE BEEN HERE
TAP TAP TAP
WHERE DID PRINCE LUKE AND PRINCE SHARELL HIDE
SPRINT SPRINT
AH, THAT SHOULD DO IT
PROBABLY THERE.
THAT'S A HIDING PLACE
HMM, ONLY SOME WEIRD JUNK
SNIP
IF WE DON'T FIND THEM, THE GENERAL IS GOING TO CHEW US OUT
DASHING
DUM DI DUM

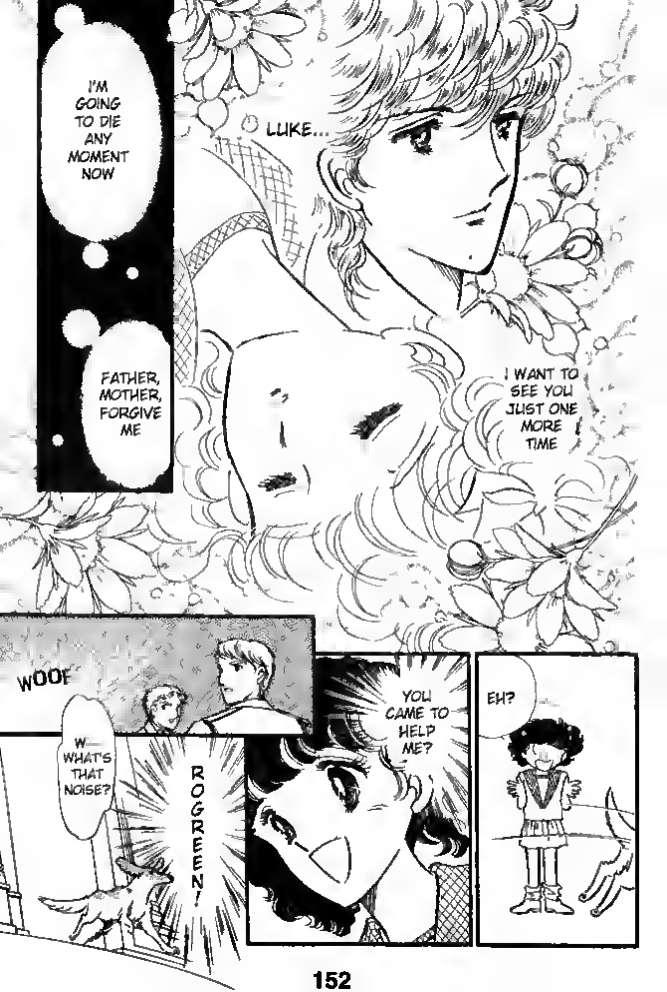
I'M TIRED OF DOING ALL THOSE ODD POSES
HUFFING & PUFFING
ROGREEN, YOU MUST CREATE A DIVERSION
JANE'S IN THERE
WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING
I'VE A STOMACH-ACHE
I'VE A HEADACHE
I'M DIZZY
KICK
PLOP
SILENCE
FLAP
A TRULY MAGNIFICENT DOG

HMM, I NEVER KNEW HE COULD DO ALL THOSE TRICKS
HE CAN BE A FAMOUS CIRCUS DOG IF HE WANTED TO
BAM
CLAP
CLAP
GOOD JOB, ROGREEN
THAT WAS NOTHING
JANE, I'M COMING TO HELP
SLAM
MARI!
THANK YOU
CLICK

FOR YOUR COOPER-ATION
BLAH BLAH

I'M SURE YOU'RE ALL AWARE OF WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOU
IT'S A SHAME THAT PRINCE LUKE AND PRINCE SHARELL IS NOT HERE WITH US
BUT DON'T WORRY
WHILE WE WAIT FOR THEM, WHY DON'T WE JUST BEGIN
YOU'RE CRUEL!
FIRST, THAT JAPANESE GIRL!
YIKES!
STOP! MARI HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS!
THAT'S RIGHT!
I THOUGHT YOU ONLY WANT TO KILL MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY

THAT'S NO EXCUSE
ALL THIS TIME, SHE HAS MESSED UP ALL MY PLANS
AHHH, WHY DID I HAVE TO BE SO CURIOUS
GREY
GRRRR!!
THAT TRAITOR!
JUST WATCH! WHEN I BECOME A GHOST, YOU'RE THE FIRST WHO'LL PAY!
DO YOU HAVE ANY LAST WORDS?
I WANT TO EAT
NEVER MIND, JUST DO IT
STOP!
CLICK
I BEG YOU GENERAL!
MARI
MARI
...
— JANE


I'M GOING TO DIE ANY MOMENT NOW
FATHER, MOTHER, FORGIVE ME
LUKE...
I WANT TO SEE YOU JUST ONE MORE TIME
EH?
YOU CAME TO HELP ME?
ROGREEN!
W—WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
WOOF

WET WET
LICK LICK
TRAITOR!
YOU BETRAYED ME, AND WENT TO THE ENEMY
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
FINISH HER!
VERY WELL
BE CAREFUL OF WHAT YOU WISH FOR
CLICK

W... WHAT IS THIS?!
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND??
REVOLUTIONARY ARMY?!
WE ARE THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY
I'M PERFECTLY SANE, GENERAL.
MORE SANE THAN YOU ARE, I THINK

REVOLUTION IS WHEN THE GOVERNMENT FROM THE GOVERNING PARTY THAT..... WHOA ... I'M CONFUSED!
DIZZY
AFTER LEARNING THE GENERAL'S PLAN,
WE PLANNED A REVOLUTION
IT SEEMS THERE WAS SOMEONE WHO WAS PLANNING TO GET RID OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY
SO WE CREATED A FAKE STORY ABOUT THE MISSING KING
AS PREDICTED, YOU ALL FELL FOR IT
BUT WE WERE STILL WAITING FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT TO ACT
LUCKILY THERE WERE NO VICTIMS YET
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION, YOUR HIGHNESS
WE KNEW ABOUT THE GENERAL'S ASSASINATION PLAN
TO KILL THE KING AND QUEEN
THEN WE DECIDED THAT WE COULDN'T JUST WAIT AND DO NOTHING
I'M NOT THE KING AT THE MOMENT

HIS HIGHNESS ..
THANK GOODNESS JANE
SWISH
BAANG!
BAAANG!

PLOP
KYAAA
GRLY

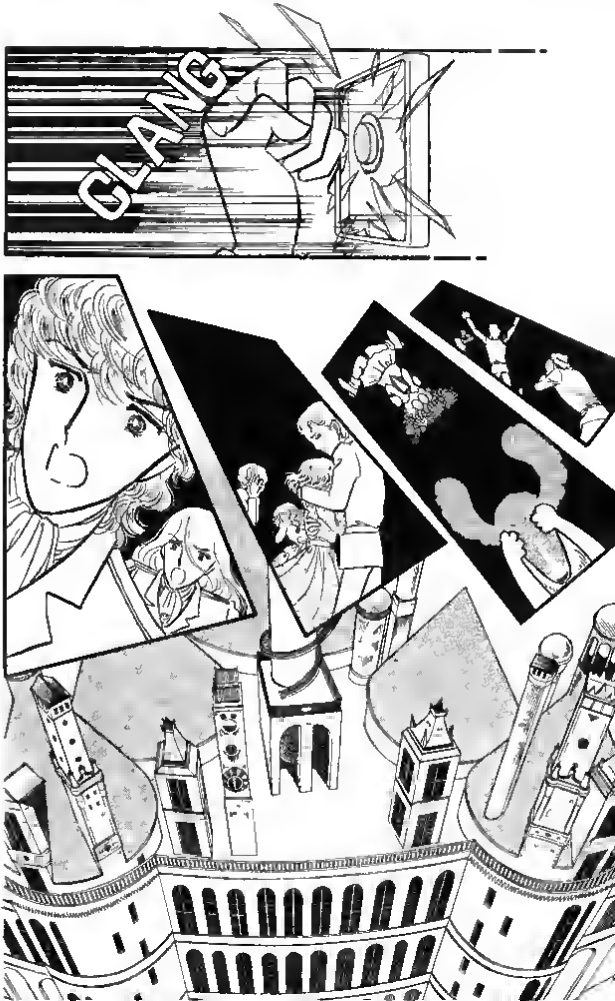
WE'VE REACHED OUR GOAL
... IT'S ALL RIGHT
GREY, DON'T DIE
ZOOOOOOO-
I HAVE ONLY ONE REGRET...
YOU'VE NEVER LOOKED AT ME THE WAY YOU DID AT PRINCE LUKE
I LIKE YOU, GREY
YOU'RE WRONG

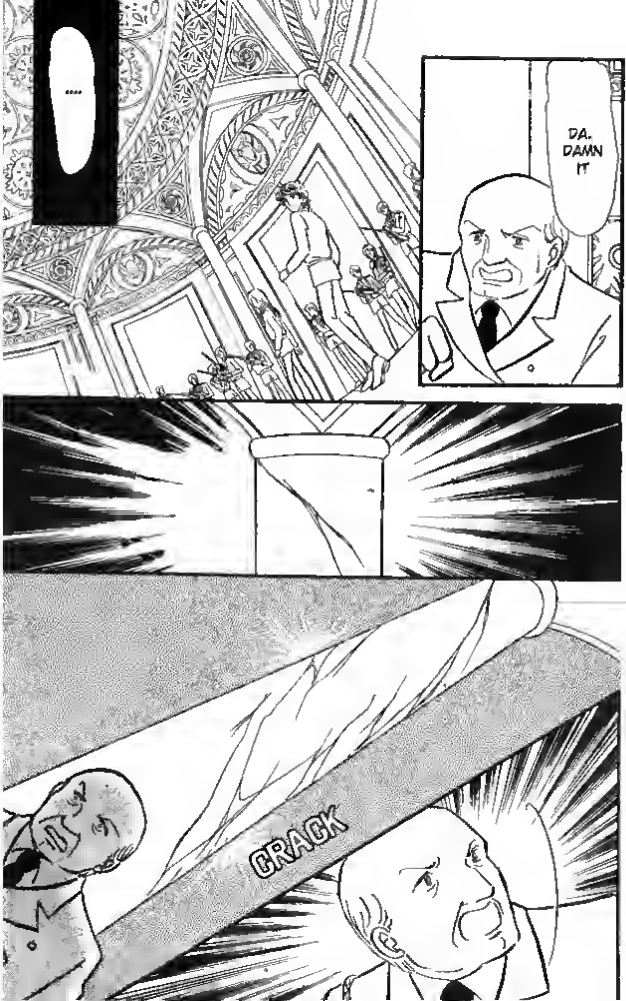
MORE THAN PRINCE LUKE?
YES!
FINE THEN, JUST DIE SEE IF I CARE I LIKE LUKE BETTER
YOU TRAITOR!
....
NOW I CAN REST IN PEACE.

THERE, YOU'RE SORRY RIGHT
SO DON'T DIE ON ME NOW
WA... WAIT, DON'T PULL THAT...
?!
ﾌｼｭｰ!
IDIOT...

WHY...
IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL
WHY DO YOU THINK I SNEAKED INTO THE ARMORY?
YOUR WEAPONS ARE ALL USELESS
AH...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?! YOU LIED TO ME BY PRENTENDING TO BE DEAD
BUT, JUST LIKE GREY, I AM YOUR FRIEND!
SORRY I HAD TO TRICK YOU MARI
BY DISGUISING MYSELF, I CAN MOVE MORE FREELY IN THE PALACE
ONLY THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY KNEW MY TRUE IDENITY
HAAHAHAHAAAHA
GENERAL?

DO YOU THINK YOU'VE BEATEN ME?
LUKE,
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT I HAVE A TRUMP CARD
I'VE PLACED A BOMB AT THE CENTER OF THIS PALACE
WHAT?!
A SMALL ONE, BUT IT'S QUITE POWERFUL
I CAN STILL DESTROY THIS WHOLE PALACE
OUT OF MY WAY, YOU FOOLS!
STOP HIM!
GENERAL


CLANG


....
DA. DAMN IT
CRACK

CRASH
AAAHHHH
T... THAT'S...

IF THERE'S A PERSON WHO IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY...
THE GHOST OF THE LATE KING WILL APPEAR
AAAYK!

I...
I...
FORGIVE ME
I'M GUILTY
FORGIVE ME
MOTHER

THE LEGEND...
IT'S ... TRUE
TAP TAP TAP
OH YES! LOOK, LOOK
IT'S FINALLY FINISHED
HUH? WHY IS EVERYONE HERE? WHAT'S THE OCCASION?
SILENCE
MECHA ROGREEN!
VOILA

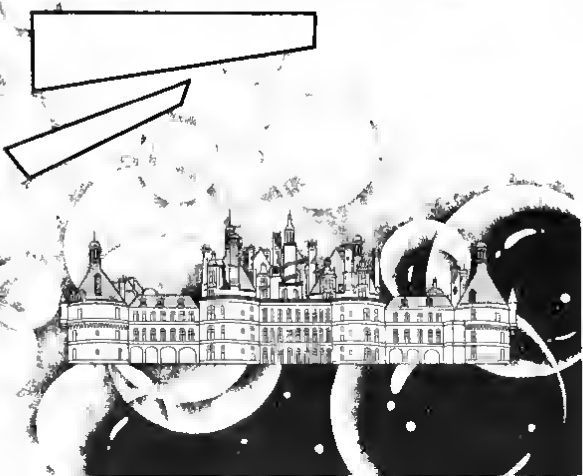
AH.... THE BOMB...!
HMMM
A HA HA HA HA
WHAT'S WRONG?
OH, IT'S NOTHING
YOU'RE WONDERFUL, SHARELL
JUST WONDERFUL

IT'S BEEN AN EXCITING DAY
I WONDER WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THIS
THE KING AND QUEEN
IF EDWARD IS BESIDE ME, I CAN ENDURE ANYTHING
WAS A COMMONER
WHOA
THE KING'S MOTHER
PRINCESS VIVIAN
I WANT TO GO BACK TO SWEDEN
I'M GOING WITH YOU MOTHER
LIEUTENANT ARTHUR
YOU TOO, ARTHUR
ME?
YOU CAN'T COMPLAIN, IF YOU DON'T COME WITH ME,
THEY MIGHT EXECUTE YOU

WHAT WILL YOU DO AS THE PRINCE, LUKE?
WELL ...
WHEN THINGS SETTLE DOWN,
I'M GOING TO JAPAN TO STUDY
I WANT TO CONTINUE MY STUDIES ...
BESIDES,
THERE'S YOU IN JAPAN
LUKE

I WANT TO GO TO JAPAN TOO!
POOF

CAN IT?
CAN IT?



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CHOP CHOP
WE BRING YOU SOME BREAKING NEWS
TODAY AT THE IMPERIAL PALACE...
IT SEEMS THERE'S A COUP GOING ON OVER THERE
THUD THUD THUMP
DEAR, DIDN'T MARI GO FOR A VACATION AT THE IMPERIAL KINGDOM?
THAT'S RIGHT

W.. WHAT?!
OH... MY GOD!
IF IT'S MARI YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT... YOU CAN SEE HER FOR YOURSELF ON TV
DON'T WORRY THERE'S ONLY ONE CASUALTY, AND THAT'S THE GENERAL
AFTER THAT, SOME REVOLUTIONARY ARMY SHOWS UP
The end